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TAGS: PORG, SHUM, IS, XA

SUBJECT: EXCLUSION OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS FROM ANTI-APARTHEID  
CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 197412, (B) LAGOS 9430

1. EVENING OF AUGUST 19 I CALLED ON AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN AND  
WENT OVER CONTENTS OF REFTEL A. HIS RESPONSE WAS QUITE DIFFERENT  
THAN SANU'S HAD BEEN EARLIER IN DAY, BUT IT WAS STILL NEGATIVE.

2. HARRIMAN SAID HE FOUND IT ASTONISHING THAT A UN MEMBER HAD  
DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE CONFERENCE BECAUSE A SINGLE NGO HAD  
NOT BEEN INVITED TO IT, ALL THE MORE SO BECAUSE THAT NGO HAS  
NO OBVIOUS RELATIONSHIP TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE CONFERENCE.  
HE ALSO WISHED TO POINT OUT THAT HE HAD GONE OUT OF HIS WAY  
TO HELP THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN OBTAIN A VISA  
AND HAD ENDEAVORED TO REASSURE HIM REGARDING THE PROBABLE  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. HARRIMAN CONTENDED THAT THE DECISION NOT TO INVITE THE WORLD  
JEWISH CONGRESS DID NOT INVOLVE DISCRIMINATION. SPACE LIMITATIONS  
HAD REQUIRED THAT ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF NGO'S COULD BE  
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INVITED AND THE ANTI-APRTHEID COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED TO INVITE  
ONLY THOSE WITH A CLEAR RELATIONSHIP TO THE  
SUBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE. THE JEWISH WORLD CONGRESS WAS  
NOT ELIGIBLE ON THAT BASIS AND HE HAD PERSONALLY DISCOURAGED  
THE ISLAMIC WORLD CONGRESS FROM SEEKING AN INVITATION.  
EVEN THE CORE ORGANIZATION IN THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT  
BEEN INVITED. HARRIMAN ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD FAILED

DESPITE AN HOUR'S STRUGGLE IN THE COMMITTEE TO BLOCK AN INVITATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. HE CALLED THIS "THE FLY IN THE OINTMENT."

4. TOWARDS THE END OF OUR DISCUSSION I EMPHASIZED TO AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN OUR CONCERNS THAT THE CONFERENCE MIGHT FOCUS TO A GREAT EXTENT ON ISRAEL OR SEEK TO LINK ZIONISM AND PARTHEID. HARRIMAN SAID THAT THE ARAB STATES WOULD CERTAINLY ATTACK ISRAEL HARD DURING THE CONFERENCE AND WOULD EVEN SEEK TO PUT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ISRAEL INTO THE DECLARATION WHICH EMERGED FROM THE CONFERENCE, BUT THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THE AFRICAN STATES WOULD NOT PERMIT THE LATTER EFFORT TO SUCCEED. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE FMG WANTS ALL GOVERNMENTS PARVSCIPATING TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE DECLARATION.  
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